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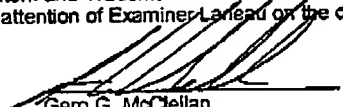
For: Systems and Methods for  
Operating Vending Machines

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

Please enter this amendment and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 09-0465 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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